I am happy that you are planning a trip to Washington D.C. and I appreciate the opportunity to be able to assist you in your upcoming visit. This city is filled with many popular and historical sites to see. My office can help you in scheduling Congressional Tours at some of the city's most popular historical sites. Please keep in mind that tickets are very limited and are intended for 52<sup>nd</sup> district residents only. Be aware that our office places requests for tours with each location and cannot guarantee the scheduling of any tour, it is recommended that you submit your tour request 3-6 months in advance.

While you are in Washington D.C., I encourage you and your family to stop by my office.

If you have any questions, please contact Nina Gandhi on my staff at (202) 225-5672 or by email at <a href="mailto:nina.gandhi@mail.house.gov">nina.gandhi@mail.house.gov</a>. She will be happy to help you with any further request you might have.

## Below are tours available through my office:

- The White House
- The United States Capitol
- The Bureau of Printing and Engraving
- The Library of Congress
- Additional Tours
- Request Tours

## The White House



The United States Capitol



**Tour Summary:** The United States Capitol in Washington, DC is among the most architecturally impressive and symbolically important buildings in the world. The tour includes visits to the Crypt, Rotunda, Old Supreme Court Chamber, Statuary Hall, and House Gallery.

Closest Metro Stop: Capitol South (Blue and Orange lines)

**Tour Length:** 1 to 2 hours, depending on crowds and tour guide.

**Tour Availability:** Tours through the Capitol Visitors Service are available between 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Saturday and can be booked through my office or through the Capitol Visitor's Center Web site

. Visitors seeking a tour through the Capitol Visitors Center may also obtain same-day tickets at the Capitol Guide Service kiosk beginning at 9:00 am.

Costs: Free

Notes: Constituents can also obtain Gallery passes to view House proceedings as they unfold through my Washington, D.C. office. We are located at 223 Cannon House Building, which is located across the street from the Capitol.

## The Bureau of Printing and Engraving



**Tour Summary:** The tour allows the public to view and learn about the various steps of currency production.

Address: 14th and C Streets, SW Washington, DC 20228

Closest Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Blue and Orange lines)

Tour Length: 1 hour

**Constituent Tour Availability:** Monday through Friday, 8:15 am and 8:45 am for groups of 10 or less.

In the months of May through August, tours are also available at 4:00, 4:15, 4:30, and 4:45 pm. Please request tour at least 1 month before the desired tour date. (We encourage you to submit your request as early as possible since a limited number of tours are available and tours are scheduled on a first come, first served basis).

**Public Tour Availability:** During non-peak season—September through February—no tickets are required. Free timed tickets are required for entry during peak season, March through August. Visitors may obtain tickets at the onsite ticket booth located on Raoul Wallenberg Place (formerly 15th Street) beginning at 8:00 am and closes when all tickets have been distributed. Ticket times include 9:00 am to 10:45 am and 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm Monday through Friday. In the months of May through August, additional tours are available 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Costs: Free

Notes: Lines form early and tickets go quickly. On most days, all tickets have been distributed before 7 am. During the time of heightened security, be advised that all tour policies are subject to change without public notification.

## **Library of Congress**



**Tour Summary:** The tour includes fully accessible docent-led tours of the historic Thomas Jefferson Building. During your tour you will learn about the Building's symbolic art and architecture

and view the grandeur of the Main Reading Room. Professionally trained docents tell the story of the Library—America's oldest cultural institution—by talking about its history, its collections (including the Gutenberg Bible), and the services provided to Congress and the nation.

Address: 101 Independence Ave, SE Washington D.C 20540

Closest Metro Stop: Capitol South (Blue and Orange Line)

Tour Length: 1 hour

**Constituent Tour Availability:** Monday-Friday, 8:30 am, 1:45pm and 3:45pm for groups 12 or less. In the months of January and February tours are only available at 1:45pm. Reserved group tours are available for groups of 12 or more people. Group tours are available Monday-Friday, 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm. Advanced reservation required for all groups of 12 or more.

**Public Tour Availability:** Schedule: Monday – Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Unfortunately there are not 3:30 p.m. tours on Saturdays and first tour is at 9:30 a.m. on Federal Holidays. Also, there are not advance reservations or tickets

available.
Costs: Free
Notes: Tours can also be booked without a Congressional Office by showing up at the Library of Congress at available public tour times.
Tour Requests
To request any of the following tours, please <u>click here</u> .
Other Tours
Washington D.C. is filled with other free museums, monuments and attractions for everyone. Please visit each website to gain more information on how to book a tour while you are in Washington D.C.
Supreme Court: <a href="http://www.supremecourt.gov/">http://www.supremecourt.gov/</a>
Kennedy Center: <a href="http://www.kennedy-center.org/visitor/tours.html">http://www.kennedy-center.org/visitor/tours.html</a>

**DC Tours** 

National Archives: <a href="http://www.archives.gov/">http://www.archives.gov/</a>

National Cathedral: <a href="http://www.nationalcathedral.org/">http://www.nationalcathedral.org/</a>

Smithsonian's: <a href="http://www.si.edu/">http://www.si.edu/</a>

Arlington National Cemetery: <a href="http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/">http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/</a>

The Pentagon: <a href="http://pentagon.osd.mil/">http://pentagon.osd.mil/</a>